



Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

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Here is the information about the Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG) that you requested.

AMRG is an all-volunteer, non-profit search and rescue (SAR) team based in Pittsburgh that has offered support to government agencies responsible for lost- and injured-person incidents for 25 years. AMRG will help locate, access, stabilize, and transport patients in wilderness and suburban settings. AMRG will also aid in searches for suspected crime victims and evidence searches. These services are provided at no charge. AMRG's primary response area is southwestern Pennsylvania and the surrounding areas in West Virginia, Ohio, and Maryland. AMRG is a member of the Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council, the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, and is the only team in the state of Pennsylvania that is accredited by the Mountain Rescue Association.

AMRG is a versatile resource, offering:

- ground searchers
- air-scenting search dog teams
- trailing/tracking dogs
- cadaver/HRD dogs
- search managers
- wilderness medical personnel
- wilderness rescue/evacuation specialists
- cave rescue
- PA DoH Quick Response Service (QRS)

AMRG's SAR specialists have been responding to calls from responsible authorities (RAs) since 1985. We have worked with many municipal and state officials in that time. References include the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and police and fire departments throughout Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Washington, Westmoreland, and Fayette Counties and the surround areas. We only respond to requests from RAs — not from search subjects' families, the media, etc. —

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Department of Emergency Medicine, UPMC Mercy, 1400 Locust St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219-5166 and we are happy to respond along with or under the direction of local authorities and other SAR teams. All services are provided at no cost. AMRG is fully insured. Early in a search, we can respond with a quick response team consisting of highly trained field teams and, when requested, search management personnel. In the case of a growing, already initiated search, we can offer an escalated response, thanks in part to our affiliations with the Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council, the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, and the Mountain Rescue Association. In all cases, we respond with the resources and at the level requested by the RA.

The counties that are in AMRG's primary response area are those included in Region 13:
Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana,
Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland

Our extended response area includes:

Blair, Bedford, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie,
Forrest, Fulton, Huntingdon, Jefferson, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin, Snyder,
Venango, Warren

If requested, the AMRG will respond to all counties in the Commonwealth.

I have attached, with this letter, AMRG's current roster and the group's equipment inventory.

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